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By Garrett C. Daly

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
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Sir:

This Amendment is preliminary to continuing examination of this application, and includes information addressing those points raised in the Office Action mailed July 30, 2002. Applicant has requested a three-month extension of time within which to respond to the Office Action, in the accompanying filing of the Request for Continuing Examination. Please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2 and 13.

Please amend Claims 1, 9, 12, 14-17, 20 and 21 to read as follows: